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ARTICULATION OF THE CONTENT OF SCHOOL AND OUT OF
SCHOOL EDUCATION AT SECONDARY AND POST SECONDARY
LEVEL IN EUROPE (CATEGORY VI), PARIS, 19-24 JUNE 78

1. UNESCO SECRETARIAT (VAIDEANU) HAS SENT CABLE INVITING
DR. JOHN GOODLAD, DEAN OF EDUCATION, UCLA TO ATTEND
SUBJECT MEETING (IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY). PERMDEL
WOULD ENCOURAGE GOODLAD TO ACCEPT INVITATION AND
PARTICIPATE IN SPITE OF RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE. ANY
APPROPRIATE ACTION DEPARTMENT OR USOE MIGHT TAKE TO
EXPLAIN TO GOODLAD THE IMPORTANCE UNESCO PLACES ON THIS
MEETING (AND THEREFORE OF KEEN INTEREST TO U.S.), MIGHT
ASSIST IN HIS MAKING A DECISION TO ATTEND.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: THIS EXPERTS MEETING,
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY, WAS POSTPONED ONE MONTH
BECAUSE OF HEAVY UNESCO MEETING SCHEDULE. THIS MEETING
WILL SERVE AS ANOTHER LEAD INTO UNESCO'S PROPOSED
PROSPECTIVE STUDIES ON THE CONTENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE
FUTURE (1980'S AND 1997'S) INCLUDING PARAGRAPH 1375 OF
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IMPORTANCE OF THIS AND OTHER EXPERT MEETINGS TO UNESCO'S
PROGRAM, PERMDEL MET LAST FEBRUARY WITH VARIOUS
SECRETARIAT MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE UNESCO TO INVITE US
PARTICIPANTS TO SUCH MEETINGS. UNESCO ORIGINALLY
INVITED DR. BENGAMIN BLOOM TO SUBJECT MEETING. UNESCO
HAS INFORMED PERMDEL THAT BLOOM DECLINED BECAUSE OF

PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS. UNESCO THEN INVITED GOODLAD.

3. PERMDEL FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EXPERTS FROM US PARTICIPATE IN SUCH MEETINGS. US EXPERT PARTICIPATION NORMALLY RAISES LEVEL AND CALIBRE OF DISCUSSIONS AND FINAL PRODUCT (WHICH UNESCO NEEDS). THEIR PARTICIPATION ALSO ASSURES THAT PHILOSOPHIES AND POINTS OF VIEW HELD IN THE US AND LATEST RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTATION AND RESEARCH, ETC CONDUCTED IN THE US, ARE CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEETING. SUCH CONTRIBUTION IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE USG AND OF THE US EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, GOODLAD'S PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT MEETING BECOMES HIGHLY DESIRABLE. SHOULD HE DECLINE, UNESCO SECRETARIAT FEELS IT IS TOO LATE TO INVITE ANOTHER US PARTICIPANT. IN THAT CASE US WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED.

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